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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: DISSATISFACTION WITH CP AIR FARES

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1. TO CONFIRM REFTELCON, EMBASSY MAY INFORM APPROPRIATE GOC AUTHORITIES BY LETTER THAT USG HAS REVIEWED THE PROCEDURES WHICH WERE RECENTLY FOLLOWED IN EXPRESSING DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PROPOSED FARES FILED BY CP AIR AND THAT THE USG FINDS ITS PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT WITH THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. EMBASSY MAY USE FOLLOWING POINTS IN ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH GOC:

2. ARTICLE XIII (C) OF THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT PROPOSED RATES BE FILED "AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE PROPOSED DATE OF INTRODUCTION" OF THE FARES IN
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QUESTION. CP AIR'S PROPOSED FARES ARE TO BE EFFECTIVE

FEBRUARY 20, 1976. ARTICLE XIII (E), IN DISCUSSING NOTICES OF DISSATISFACTION, STATES THAT SUCH NOTIFICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED "PRIOR TO THE EXPIRY OF THE FIRST FIFTEEN DAYS OF THE THIRTY DAY PERIOD REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (C) ABOVE." SINCE THE THIRTY DAY PERIOD BEFORE

FEBRUARY 20 WOULD COMMENCE ON JANUARY 21, 1976, THE LAST DAY OF THE FIRST FIFTEEN DAYS WOULD BE FEBRUARY 5. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE CANADIAN AIR TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WERE INFORMED ORALLY ON FEBRUARY 2, 1976 OF THE UNITED STATES DISSATISFACTION WITH CP AIR'S PROPOSED FARES. THE EXPRESSION OF DISSATISFACTION WAS FORMALLY CONVEYED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED FEBRUARY 5, 1976. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT IN EXPRESSING DISSATISFACTION WITH THE FARES UNDER DISCUSSION. INGERSOLL

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